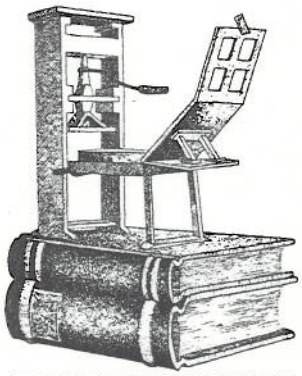

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HUNTING THE HUNTERS

Set in the post-Ford era, *The Star Spangled Contract* is a chilling novel of intelligence murder and intrigue in the nation's highest offices, written by former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison (McGraw-Hill, $8.95).

The man who made headlines with his investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination sets the stage for an ex-CIA agent's desperate efforts to protect the President from undercover forces within his own government.

Garrison's fictitious protagonist, Colin McFerrin, is essentially a man whose deep-rooted belief in an ideal America makes his survival difficult in the America that is. Nurtured by the high values acquired from his family and his surroundings, he unwittingly becomes a threat to powerful elements in the government. That force is represented in the book by the complex of federal police and intelligence agencies.

As the author himself sees it, "If McFerrin had lived in Spain at an earlier time, he might have tilted at windmills like Don Quixote -- although he would have been effective at it. Had he lived during the American Revolution, Patrick Henry's 'Give me liberty or give me death' would have had real meaning for him. Living in the United States in the last part of the 20th Century, he becomes a serious problem for the supremely practical men who have acquired power in the government and who have no intention of relinquishing it."

At the time in the future when the story begins, assassination has become a part of the national political scene, prompting McFerrin to stand up to an extremely powerful machine despite overwhelming odds. The resulting drama provides the reader with some of the most breathtaking action in contemporary fiction.

Author of *Heritage of Stone*, a non-fiction account of his investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Jim Garrison now practices law in New Orleans.

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